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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION -- CALVIN C. COBB

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 996

1. POST CONOFF WAS CALLED TO FONOFF SEPT 1, 1976, TO
DISCUSS THE CASE OF CALVIN C. COBB WITH MR. MTANGO, A
MIDDLE-LEVEL MEMBER OF THE LEGAL DEPT. CONVERSATION WAS
VERY LOW-KEY. IN ESSENCE MR. MTANGO STATED THAT MR. COBB NOW
DESIRER TO RETURN TO THE US. TANGOV HAS PURPOSEFULLY GIVEN HIM
TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK A THIRD COUNTRY BUT, APPARENTLY,
MR. COBB HAS HAD NO SUCCESS. MR. MTANGO STATED THAT TANGOV,
ITSELF, WAS WEARYING OF MR. COBB'S LEGAL AND PARALEGAL
MACHINATIONS AND WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY ON "AN ARRANGEMENT."
THE LINES OF THE "ARRANGEMENT" WOULD BE THAT TANGOV WILL UNDERTAKE
TO PLACE RM. COBB ON A PANAM FLIGHT UNOFFICIALYY. EXTRADITION IS
NOT REQUIRED "IN VIEW OF MR. COBB'S INTEREST TO RETURN WILLINGLY."

2. MR. MTANGO STATED TANGOV IS INTERESTED IN REMOVING MR. COBB
AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY BUT THAT COORDINATION WITH THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS MAY TAKE TWO WEEKS.

3. CONOFF NOTED THAT THE STATE OF NEW YORK OBVIOUSLY HAD
AN INTEREST IN THE CASE BUT THAT THE EMBASSY WAS NOT ABLE
TO MAKE A COMMITMENT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW YORK.
MR. MTANGO STATED HE UNDERSTOOD AND HOPED THAT RESERVATIONS,
TICKETS, ETC., COULD BE ARRANGED TO MUTUAL CONVENIENCE.
CONOFF ALSO INDICATED THAT NEW YORK WAS PREPARED TO SEND POLICE
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OFFICERS TO ESCORT MR. COBB ON HIS JOURNEY ACCORDING TO THE

EXTRADITION REQUEST. MR. MTANGO INDICATED THAT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY ALTHOUGH "TANGOV HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE IDENTITIES OF OTHER PASSENGERS ON THE AIRCRAFT."

4. CONOFF ASKED TO BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO VISIT MR. COBB AND MR. MTANGO PROMISED TO SEEK PERMISSION NEXT WEEK.

5. REQUEST DEPT CONTACT APPROPRIATE AUTHORTIIES IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE "ARRANGEMENT" OUTLINED ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE AND WHETHER POLICE ESCORT WILL BE PROVIDED. IF "ARRANGEMENT" IS ACCEPTABLEN POST WILL COORDINATE WITH FONOFF ON A DATE FOR MR. COBB'S DEPARTURE. FYI: PANAM LEAVES DAR ES SALAAM ONCE A WEEK, ON SATURDAY.

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